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Group Art Unit: 1732

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Serial No.: 10/085,372

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For: **PROCESS FOR PRESSURE ASSISTED MOLDING OF HOLLOW  
ARTICLES**

Attorney Docket No.: BIG 0104 PUS

**PETITION TO PAY LARGE ENTITY FEE  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.28**

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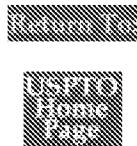
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4/5/2002	Filing Fee	\$ 370.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 610.00
10/22/2002	Preliminary Amendment Fee	\$ 207.00	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 921.00
1/26/2004	Issue Fee Payment	\$ 965.00	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 845.00
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/085,372	02/28/2002	Ronald Thomas	0114-00108	6549

TITLE OF INVENTION: PROCESS FOR PRESSURE ASSISTED MOLDING OF HOLLOW ARTICLES

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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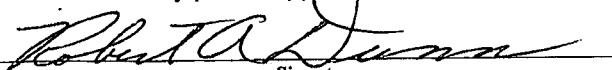
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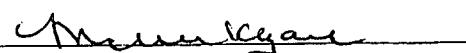
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Ronald Thomas

For: **PROCESS FOR PRESSURE ASSISTED MOLDING OF HOLLOW ARTICLES**

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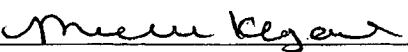
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02-19-2004	Application Is Considered Ready for Issue
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